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May 15, 1984

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MONTANA OFFICE

Mr. Tom Staible U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region VIII 1860 Lincoln Street - Suite 103 Denver, Colorado 80295

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to my discussions with Mr. Gene Taylor and Mr. Doug Skie of EPA's Helena, Montana Office, I am providing some corresondence relative to laboratory inspections at ASARCO's Salt Lake City Department of Environmental Sciences. Since the laboratory is certified by the State of Utah, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and the Center for Disease Control, each of these organizations has impsected the laboratory within the last year. Ms. Carol Campbell of Region VIII has also inspected the laboratory in 1983 as part of local NPDES audits.

I understand that you and a representative of Battelle will be visiting the laboratory on Tuesday, May 22, 1984, to discuss laboratory and quality assurance procedures. Your contact for that meeting will be Mr. Gary R. Stanga, Chief Chemist. If I can be of any assistance prior to or after your meeting, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Donald A. Robbins Supervisor of

Environmental Sciences

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cc: Mr. Gene Taylor (w.attach)

Dr. Gary McKown

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August 26, 1983

Department of Environmental Sciences

M. O. Varner Director

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Eaboratory Inspection

Every three years, the American Industrial Hygiene Association conducts a site visit to accredited laboratories to determine if the laboratory continues to maintain standards required for accreditation. Yesterday, our laboratory was inspected by Dr. James Nelson as part of this program.

I felt that you should be aware that Dr. Nelson will recommend re-accreditation on an unqualified basis. Dr. Nelson was very complimentary during the closing conference. A few of the positive impressions he related to me included the observations that:
(1) he had not previously visited an accredited laboratory that produced the volume of analyses that our laboratory does (especially considering the size of the laboratory staff), (2) the quality control program was excellent and tailored to the needs of our laboratory rather than being a "canned" general program from EPA or AIHA, and (3) he was impressed with the laboratory staff and management and felt the group had a professional and conscientious approach to performance of their duties.

There were, of course, a few areas such as the condition of several safety showers, the adequacy of several reagent labels, and a few instances of improper reagent storage that were recommended for remedial action.

In conclusion, I feel Asarco is fortunate to have such a dedicated laboratory staff in Salt Lake City and hope that, by copy of this letter, Mr. Stanga and Ms. Nackowski will convey my personal appreciation to their staffs for a job well done. As someone who worked at a bench in the analytical laboratory for quite a few years, I am well aware that for the most part, the only recognition an analyst receives is when he or she "screws up". At this time, considering the very positive comments of one of their unbiased peers, I believe the laboratory staff deserves some positive recognition.

Donald A. Robbins

Supervisor of Laboratory Services

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cc: RJMuth, SBNackowski, GRStanga

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September 21, 1983

Donald A. Robbins ASARCO, INCORPORATED Department of Environmental Sciences 3422 South 700 West Salt Lake City, UT 84119

Dear Mr. Robbins:

Dr. Nelson closed his report of his visit to your laboratory with a number of recommendations and suggestions. These are appended for your information. Before I take the next step I must have your written action or reaction to the ten matters Dr. Nelson listed as recommendations. A cursory look at the list suggests that this requirement will not be onerous.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Loughborough Coordinator of Laboratory

Accreditation

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Attachment

ASARCO, INCORPORATED Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-001

Recommendations to the Laboratory

- 1. Label standard solutions with date of preparation, initials of preparer,

 and expiration date
- 2. Dispose of outdated standards and outdated standard solutions.
- Label reagents with date of first receipt and (if applicable) an expiration date.
- 4. Arrange all safety shower activating chains so that all are immediately functional. The flow of one laboratory safety shower is obstructed. This should be corrected.
- 5. Record all laboratory notebook entries in ink rather than pencil.
- 6. Review the methods and procedures manual at least annually and provide a sign-off sheet in the manual to document completion of the review.
- 7. Record more complete data on laboratory worksheets. For example, units of measurement should be recorded.
- 8. Document the specific analytical method in the report of results or elsewhere in data files.
- 9. Do not store concentrated acids with other potentially unstable chemicals.
- 10. Secure the gas cylinders stored in the back laboratory.

Suggestions for Improvement

- 1. Use previous PAT asbestos samples as QA samples.
- Consider implementing a record keeping system which allows for maintenance and filing of all calibration curves or other calibration data.
- 3. Consider using internally generated spiked samples for quality assurance purposes, as appropriate (for example, filters spiked with arsenic).

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October 3, 1983

Department of Environmental Sciences

M. O. Varner Director

Dr. Dwight L. Loughborough Coordinator of Laboratory Accreditation American Industrial Hygiene Association 475 Wolf Ledges Parkway Akron, Ohio 44311-1087

Lab Castification

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your letter of September 21, 1983, I have asked Mr. Gary R. Stanga, Asarco's Chief Chemist, to respond to Dr. Nelson's list of recommendations resulting from his recent inspection of our AIHA accredited laboratory. points raised in the list of recommendations were verbally reviewed with Dr. Nelson prior to his departure from the laboratory and, as a result, Mr. Stanga had addressed most of them prior to receipt of your letter. I have attached Mr. Stanga's report on action taken in response to Dr. Nelson's suggestions.

In addition to the responses presented by Mr. Stanga, I would like to add that our laboratory has had a long standing program of using PAT silica samples supplied by NIOSH as QC samples that are analyzed with our routine silica analyses.

I was impressed with the professional manner in which Dr. Nelson conducted this inspection and feel that the recommentaions and suggestions of Dr. Nelson and previous AIHA laboratory impsectors have provided very worthwhile input since Asarco's original involvement with this program.

Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Gary Stanga if additional information is required.

Very truly yours,

Donald A. Robbins Supervisor of

Environmental Sciences

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Department of Environmental Sciences

September 27, 1983

M O Varner Director

Mr. D. A. Robbins Building

Following is a list of the corrective actions which have been taken in accordance with the recommendations made by Dr. James Nelson during his site visit on August, 1983.

- 1. & 2. Most standard solutions had the preparation date and the initials of the preparer. Solutions which were not properly labeled or outdated were discarded. Expiration dates were assigned where applicable.
- Most reagents already had the date of first receipt.
 Expiration dates were assigned where applicable.
- 4. All safety showers were inspected and fitted with non-corrosive, plastic shower heads. Each shower was subsequently tested and found to be in good working order.
- An effort will be made to record laboratory notebook entries in ink rather than pencil.
- 6. Methods are reviewed annually and initialed by the laboratory supervisor (see attachment).
- All units of concentration are in ppm or μg/filter depending on sample type unless otherwise designated by the analyst.
- 8. In general, only NIOSH or EPA approved methods are used.

 Documentation of methods other than those listed above will
 be made in the analysts' notebook.
- 9. The potentially unstable organic chemicals have been removed from the inorganic acid storage area.
- 10. Spare gas cylinders have been properly secured.

Also, as per Dr. Nelson's suggestions, PAT asbestos filters will be used as QA samples as will internally generated spiked filter samples.

Gary R. Stanga Chief Environmental Chemist

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In addition to this collection of analytical procedures, other references that should be consulted include:

Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (15th Edition)

NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods (Second Edition)

Manual of Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

Procedures Reviewed
August 1983

Quality Control Program Reviewed August 1983 Scott M. Matheson Governor

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Janaury 23, 1984

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Dear Mr. Robbins:

The documents relating to the survey of your laboratory on January 19, 1984 have been forwarded to the Bureau of Health Facility Management for processing, and they will inform you of action taken.

As there were not any deficiencies noted, the recommendation for continuing interstate licensure has been made.

It is always our pleasure to visit your laboratory which is so well, organized and where the staff is enthusiastic about the quality of work produced.

I wish to thank you, Dr. White, and Sandi for the time and courtesy extended to me during the survey and also your hospitality.

Sincerely,

Bith B. Orlob, M.T. (ASCP)

Chief

Certification & Approval Section Bureau of Laboratory Improvement

cc: Lowell White, Ph.D. Dennis Reynolds

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Roy Austin
Operations Manager
Christensen, Inc.
Industrial Road Plant
1822 South Industrial Road
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

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EX 2502

Re: NPDES Permit Number UT-0000531

Performance Audit Inspection

Dear Mr. Austin:

On January 20 and 24, 1983, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency personnel conducted a "Performance Audit Inspection" of your waste water treatment facilities. Enclosed is a copy of the Inspection Report for your records. During this inspection, various problems were identified which need to be addressed by your staff. Consequently, we encourage you and your staff to read the Inspection Report in detail and urge that all suggested recommendations be implemented.

In addition, we note that there are certain significant problems relating to the NPDES self-monitoring program of your facility which we feel warrant special attention by your staff. Attached is the "Summary of Major NPDES Self-Monitoring Problems Requiring Corrective Action by Permittee" which delineates these problems. We point out that, with respect to the problems noted at Asarco Environmental Labs, Christensen, Inc., is ultimately responsible for the quality of analytical data generated by the private lab.

We request that you submit to this Agency as well as to the Utah Bureau of Water Pollution Control the "Information Required from Permittee" as outlined in the aforementioned Summary. This information must be submitted to both offices within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Barbara Hanso of my staff, telephone (303) 837-4335.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. Godsil

Chief, Compliance Branch Water Management Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Fred Pehrson w/encl.
Utah Bureau of Water
Pollution Control

II. Introduction

On January 20, 1983, Martin Byrne conducted a Performance Audit Inspection (PAI) at Christensen Diamin Incorporated in Salt Lake City, Utah. During this visit Mr. Leroy Austin was interviewed. The laboratory portion of the inspection was conducted by Carol Campbell on January 24, 1983, at Asarco Environmental Labs, the laboratory which monitors Christensen Diamin's effluent. Mr. Gary Stanga was the primary contact at Asarco.

The facility was first informed by letter of the EPA's wish to perform an on-site inspection, and then contacted by phone to set up a mutually agreeable date for the field portion of this visit. After receiving permission from Christensen Diamin to talk to the lab directly, Gary Stanga of Asarco was contacted by phone to set up the Tab visit.

The primary objectives of the PAI were to evaluate the quality of the facility's self-monitoring program and to verify compliance with NPDES permit requirements. The inspection consisted of the following steps:

- 1) Introduction and briefing on the purpose of the inspection.
- 2) Discussion of sample collection, preservation, handling and transport techniques.
 - 3) Observation of wastewater flow monitoring techniques.
- 4) Critical overview of laboratory procedures used in analyzing the samples.
 - 5) Walk-through inspection of the laboratory.
- 6) Review of laboratory and field recordkeeping procedures and documentation of self-monitoring activities.
- 7) Discussion of NPDES Study Number Two Performance Evaluation results with facility representatives.
- 8) Discussion of inspection results with facility representatives. Both Mr. Austin and Mr. Stanga were present during the debriefing.

III. Requirements

A) Field/Sampling Operations

1) pH

Both the permittee and its contractor laboratory, Asarco, are monitoring the pH of the effluent. Data submitted on the discharge monitoring report is generated by Asarco though. The permittee has a continuous pH meter on site which does not have an automatic temperature compensator control. The permit requires that Christensen Diamin collect three grab samples per day per week for pH. Asarco records only showed three weeks of monitoring in a three month period.

pH is considered a field parameter and should be collected and analyzed at the facility in order to meet EPA recommended holding times. The frequency of collection should be as specified in the permit.

2) Flow Proportioning

Flow proportioning was not being done correctly at the time of the inspection. Six grab samples of equal volume were being collected and sent to the lab. The lab then made up the composite sample by taking equal volumes of sample from each of the grabs. The permittee needs to either supply the lab with flow data so that samples can be proportioned correctly at the lab or composite the samples correctly in the field.

B) Chemistry

1) Total Suspended Solids

a) Thermometers

The thermometer used in the solids oven should be checked against an NBS certified or traceable thermometer yearly and records of these checks should be kept.

b) Lab Water

The lab checks the conductivity of the lab deionized water daily, but no records of these checks are kept.

c) Analytical Balance

Asarco has a yearly service contract on their balances and records of service are kept. They also perform quarterly balance checks with Class S weights but do not record these checks.

2) Records

The permit requires that the date of analysis of effluent samples must be recorded. At the present time analysis dates are not on the computer report of the data. It is possible to track them through the analyst's lab books and worksheets, but for the permittees purposes it would be best if this data were on the final report.

IV. Recommendations

A) Field/Sampling Operations

It is recommended that all samples requiring preservation be preserved on site.

B) Chemistry

In order to improve the accuracy and reliability of the data generated by the laboratory, the following procedures are recommended.

- 1) EPA check samples for total suspended solids should be set up and run every tenth sample.
- 2) The laboratory presently runs known check standards 20 % to generate acceptance limits for metal and then runs these standards before and after each run as checks. We suggest running I reference standard per batch plus duplicate matrix spike samples every tenth sample. The reference standard will serve as a check on the standards and equipment while the duplicate matrix data will satisfy both the spike and duplicate recommendation, and give the lab data on matrix problems. Precision and accuracy data by matrix and parameter can then be generated.
- 3) Quality control acceptance criteria for past accuracy data—should be summarized and included in the development of new acceptance criteria. (Presently the lab generates new acceptance criteria every six months to a year, discarding old acceptance criteria.)
- 4) Prepare a complete set of Standard Operating Procedures with references from which the methods were derived.
- 5) Asarco's procedure for total metals starts with a perchloric acid/nitric acid digestion. This digestion is more rigorous than the total digestion required by EPA (see Section 4.13 under Metals page 6 in the 1979 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes for EPA method). It could be to the permittee's advantage to switch to the less rigorous EPA digestion procedure, since the EPA digestion may result in lower total metal concentrations. It is up to the permittee whether or not they wish Asarco to change their total digestion procedure to conform with EPA's since EPA considers this deviation from approved methodology to be an acceptable modification.

V. NPDES Performance Evaluation Results

Performance Evaluation results for Studies One and Two were reviewed with the laboratory. There were no problems with the reported results and all required parameters were analyzed.

VI. DMR Data Verification

All discharge monitoring report (DMR) data for the first quarter of 1982 was checked from raw data to the final report.

The date of analysis needs to be on the report sheet so that holding times can be tracked. Holding times for pH were not met since pH must be analyzed immediately on site. There was no way of tracking down when the solids samples were analyzed so it is unknown whether or not holding times were met.

An inadequate number of pH samples were collected for the laboratory to monitor. The permittee has an on-site continuous pH meter in addition to the laboratory pH meter so that the correct amount of data is available. However, it appears that the pH data generated by the laboratory was the only data used in filling out the DMR.

1. Summary

This report contains requirements and recommendations that will help Christensen Diamin conduct an improved self-monitoring program.

Facility and laboratory personnel were helpful during the inspection.

Facility Name: Christensen, Inc. Permit Number: UT-0000531

DATE OF PAI: January 20 and 24, 1983

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5.	Lack of documentation of analytical balance checks.	6.	Document quarterly checks with Class "S" weights.	6.	Statement that this will be done and a copy of the first calibration.
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On June 30, 1983, I visited and conducted an on-site survey at the American Smelting and Refining Laboratory (ASARCO) in Salt Lake City, The purpose of this survey was the annual reevaluation of the quality of water analysis performed by this laboratory to determine its qualifications for continued interim certification under Federal and State environmental and drinking water regulations. The survey was conducted over a period of three hours and included an inspection of facilities, laboratory records, analytical methodology, and quality assurance programs. During the survey only one minor discrepancy was revealed which is already being addressed by laboratory personnel. A copy of the survey report is attached.

Introduction Ι.

The primary purpose of the on-site survey was to evaluate the quality of the ASARCO Laboratory's chemical analysis of water and wastewater. The survey consisted of the following seven steps:

- Introduction and briefing on the purpose of the survey.
- 2.) Discussion of sample collection, preservation, handling and transport techniques.
- 3.) Critical overview of laboratory procedures used in water analysis.

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- 4.) A walk-through inspection of laboratory facilities.
- 5.) Review of laboratory recordkeeping procedures, operation and maintenance files, and documentation of self-monitoring.
- 6.) Discussion of survey results with facility representatives.
- 7.) Discussion of survey results with facility personner.

II. Summary

The survey revealed one discrepancy which is addressed in Section III of this report. Laboratory personnel were cooperative and responsive throughout the survey.

Except as noted in Section III, the equipment and procedures employed in chemical analysis of water by the ASARCO Laboratory conform with provisions in "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," 15th Edition, 1980; "Manual for the Interim Certification of Laboratories Involved in Analyzing Public Drinking Water Supplies," EPA, May, 1978; and "Criteria for Laboratory Certification," Utah, 1980. The ASARCO Laboratory has the necessary equipment, facilities, and trained personnel to conduct a satisfactory water monitoring program. Summary sheets containing details are attached.

III. Requirements

To maintain interim certification, the ASARCO Laboratory must comply with the following:

- 1.) Successfully complete annual performance evaluation audits from the USEPA and the Utah State Health Laboratory, Bureau of Laboratory Improvement.
- 2.) Notify the State Health Laboratory,
 Bureau of Laboratory Improvement in
 writing when transition to computerized
 Quality Assurance recordkeeping is completed.

At the time of survey, it was estimated that the computerized handling of Quality Control Data would begin on or about July 8, 1983. In the meantime, anticipation of this computerization has led to a relaxation of Quality Assurance requirements previously adhered to by the ASARCO Laboratory. Hopefully this discrepancy will have been resolved by ASARCO personnel before receipt of this survey report.

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IV. Recommendations

None.

V. Commendations

The personnel at the ASAROO Laboratory have continued to upgrade and expand their laboratory's analytical capability. Laboratory appearance, organization and instrumentation are good examples of proper laboratory operation.

VI. Conclusion

With the exception noted in Section III of this report, the procedures and equipment employed at the time of this evaluation were in compliance with provisions contained in the manuals governing interim certification of water laboratories. Pending receipt of written notification as requested in Section III and satisfactory completion of the current State Performance Audit, I recommend that the analytical data from the ASARCO Laboratory be accepted for the analysis of water and wastewater under the Safe Drinking Water Act (PL93-523). I also recommend the ASARCO Laboratory be granted continued interim certification.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Helfer

Laboratory Certification Officer

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Attachment

ON-SITE EVALUATION OF LAEDRATORIES INVOLVED IN ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

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Item	Yes	No	Freq.	Comments (system used)	Yes	
Minimum requirements: Ouality control data available for inspection	Х				х	
Use of unknown protestimance samples	X		The state of the s			
Documented standard curve	X				X	
Standard curve checked prior to each sample set	X				X	
Verification of standards (every 20 samples)	X				X	
Optional requirements: Service contract on balances		x			x	
Use of class S weights	Х				X	
Use of NBS-certified thermometer	. х			·	. X	
Use of color standards				N/A		
Dating of chemicals	х				X	
For lab analyzing samples other than its own						
Use of known reference samples	X	A			Z	
Use of duplicate samples	X				\x	
Standard deviation calculations	x				Х	
Quality control charts or tabulations			* 1	Changing over to of puterization, but interim records no	X	
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August 18, 1983

Donald A. Robbins, Director
American Smelting & Refining
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3422 South 700 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

Dear Mr. Robbins:

We have received your laboratory's Quality Control Program and the copies of the Quality Control data. Thank you for your cooperation and the fulfillment of Section III, item 2, of the Report of Survey dated July 6, 1983.

All that remains for completion of 1983 requirements is the results on the remake audit.

If I may be of assistance to your laboratory, please contact me at 533-6131.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Helfer

Chemist

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Dear Mr. Robbins:

I have read your laboratory's Quality Assurance Manual and have found it more than adequately fills the requirements outlined in the "Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water". EPA, October 1982.

Thank you for your past support and timely submission of the required Quality Assurance manual. If I may be of future assistance to you or your laboratory, please contact me at 533-6131.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Helfer

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